

## **The Army's National Logistics Curriculum (NLC)**

### **What is it?**

The Army's National Logistics Curriculum (NLC) will provide a pathway to Master's level education in logistics for our multifunctional logisticians using full-time schooling, distance learning (DL), part-time or a combination of these delivery modes. NLC consists of two parts to ensure true end-to-end continuity of logistics knowledge from both military logistics and corporate world logistics perspectives:

(1) the Logistics Executive Development Course (LEDC) from the US Army Logistics Management College (ALMC) or Associate LEDC (two-week modules or online correspondence) to gain a deep understanding of military logistics knowledge. LEDC includes decision science, acquisition, inventory, maintenance, resource management, a five-week theater logistics exercise, and the entire contents of ALMC's Joint Logistics course. It also provides five to seven Defense Acquisition University course equivalencies and 12 hours of graduate credit); and

(2) participation in selected university programs to attain business-oriented logistics knowledge in supply chain management, distribution, or logistics management.

### **What has the Army done?**

The Army is currently developing a consortium of partner universities – including some of the nation's top business schools. The partner universities will accept LEDC's 12 hours of graduate credit and will offer DL for much of the college coursework. This will shorten the time and course requirement for NLC students. We will publish a continuously updated listing of these affiliated colleges so that students can easily select a college that meets the NLC criteria.

The Army is also developing an "Ideal Curriculum." This curriculum will list the major topics and subtopics that will result in a fully-educated logistician.

The process is being documented in AR 600-3, and the Army is working to enable completion of NLC to be recorded on the Officer Record Brief (action is pending).

Students who complete the two-part NLC will receive a diploma in addition to the LEDC and university diplomas.

**What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future?**

This initial effort is focused on graduate study. However, we will also develop a similar 1deal curriculum to assist undergraduate students – civilians, NCOs, enlisted, etc.

**Why is this important to the Army?**

We encourage our officers and civilians to pursue logistics-centered graduate study rather than a generic business degree, to enhance their understanding of the complete supply chain (1) from conception and design of materiel within the military acquisition arena through (2) the development, manufacture, maintenance, inventory and distribution environment of businesses using performance based logistics processes and then (3) back through the military distribution and logistics systems for the “last tactical mile.” The Army’s National Logistics Curriculum will provide the guidance and process to do this.